

PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

Thursday, September 18, 2008

Chairperson Ramona Finnila called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 18, 2008 at the City of Carlsbad Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Ramona Finnila, John Christensen, Chuck Collins, W.C. "Bill" Guier, John O'Reilly, Tom Ricotta and Howard Williams were present.

Members present represent a quorum.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Vice Chairperson Tim Hutter and Bob Gates.

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Present were Peter Drinkwater, Willie Vasquez, Lee Ann Lardy, Dan Thompson and Jim Swain.

ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The PAAC members reviewed the minutes for the meeting of August 21, 2008. Chuck Collins moved the minutes be approved. The minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Thomas Talley of Vista asked how long PAAC appointment applications are kept on file. Ms. Finnila referred him to the Board of Supervisors office, as they oversee that process.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – P. Drinkwater

Mr. Drinkwater reported on a recent County business process review of the Palomar Airport Terminal project. Lou Barnes, the financial analyst for Airports, has accepted a promotion and will be joining the County's Park and Recreation Department. He also spoke of the flyaway parking service that may emerge in the future. Frontier Airlines has recently purchased 15 Q400 aircraft, which could, conceivably, service Palomar Airport. Lastly, he spoke of a recent business economic and vitality study being conducted Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. A draft copy for comments will be provided to PAAC members.

REAL PROPERTY REPORT – L. Lardy

Ms. Lardy gave an update on the Olympic Resort Hotel property and a revision of the car rental RFP schedule.

SELECT PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE CAR RENTAL RFP INTERVIEW BOARD - R. Finnila

Ms. Finnila presented a motion item to select a PAAC representative for the car rental RFP interview panel. Mr. Collins volunteered to serve on the panel. Mr. O'Reilly moved that the PAAC approve the motion, which carried.

FLY FRIENDLY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT – J. Swain

Mr. Swain reported that there had been no Fly Friendly Presentations since his last report and no invitations had been received from local groups to make presentations. Airports staff had met with some local homeowners to discuss noise issues and had taken them on a tour of the airport. Mr. Collins added that he had met with the control tower manager and airport business representatives, where they discussed the noise levels at the airport. They also discussed ways to change their analysis of the complaints and get greater participation from the airport business community.

AIRPORT COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT – J. Swain

- ➔ Monthly Operations Count: 14,368
- ➔ Annual Operations Count: 135,387
- ➔ Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Enplanements: 3,659
- ➔ Annual Air Carrier Passenger Enplanements: 28,653
- ➔ Monthly Air Carrier Passenger Throughput: Revenue Out: 3,066; Revenue In: 2,845; Non-Revenue Out: 593; Non-Revenue In: 557; Total Passenger Throughput: 7,061
- ➔ Local Traffic: 4,145
- ➔ Itinerant Traffic: 10,223
- ➔ Monthly Concerns: 500
- ➔ Annual Concerns: 5,041
- ➔ Ratio of Concerns to Operations for August: 500 concerns for 14,368 aircraft, which is 1 concern for every 29 operations.
- ➔ Community Noise Concerns by area: Southwest: 387; Southeast: 17; Northwest: 85; Northeast: 3; Out of the area: 8.
- ➔ Noise Concerns by type: Noise: 140; Low: 342; Over flights: 17; Safety: 1.
- ➔ Noise Concerns by aircraft type: Propellers: 391; Jets: 76; Helicopters: 33.
- ➔ Noise Concerns by time of day: 0700-1700: 332; 1700-2200: 96; 2200-0700: 82.

The PAAC members took questions and comments from the public about noise concerns, air traffic patterns, safety concerns, helicopter operations, and the voluntary noise abatement procedures.

STAFF REPORT – W. Vasquez

Mr. Vasquez gave an update on the terminal redevelopment project. He gave an update on the airport's noise monitors. He reported on runway closures during the night for infield work. He said that the recent Part 139 inspection had been closed and reported on recent upgrades of airport markings and signage. He reported on a recent airport presentation and tour for the Vista Chamber of Commerce. County Landfills is dealing with a high temperature event on the airport which should be resolved by the end of the month.

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no member announcements.

SET AGENDA FOR MEETING ON NOVEMBER 20, 2008.

The next meeting of the Palomar Airport Advisory Committee will be on November 20, 2008. Mr. Hutter will present a summary of the survey regarding airline service recently completed by the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Collins will make a report on the airport business community's analysis of the noise complaints and their discussion of ways to address the airport's noise issues.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 pm.

By: _____
Dan Thompson, Administrative Secretary I

